

REMARKS

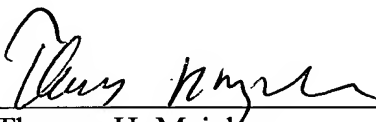
Pursuant to the election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect Species 1 shown in Figs. 1A-1H and 2A-2B and subspecies 11 shown in Figs. 12A-12B for further prosecution. Original claims 1-4, 7-10 and 12-14 are elected for further prosecution. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to change the term "elongate member" to "guide wire." Claims 5, 6 and 11 have been withdrawn. New claims 15-20 are being presented for further consideration.

Applicant believes that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized, however, to charge any fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

It is respectfully requested that the application be examined at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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